

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 4-6 and 9-18 are withdrawn from consideration.

Election of Species

The Examiner contends the claims are directed to patentably distinct species of insect and requires election to a single species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect with traverse "larva" for prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner contends the claims are directed to patentably distinct species of contact and requires election to a single species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect with traverse "insect" for prosecution on the merits.

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, and 19-25 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully request the requirements for the election of species be withdrawn. According to M.P.E.P. § 803, one of the requirements for restriction is that a serious burden would be placed on the Examiner if the claims were not restricted. Because the Examiner has searched and examined other applications in the chain of priority of the subject application, Applicants respectfully assert that an examination of all the claims as filed would not be a serious burden.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and request a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If, upon review, the Examiner feels there are additional outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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